

TRIBUTE TO TOM UDALL

Madam President, TOM UDALL and Jill, his wife, are friends of mine and Honey's, my wife. We have seen them from time to time and enjoy their company.

Tom came to the Senate with a distinguished heritage. It is hard to talk about the environment in this country over the last 75 years without mentioning Stewart Udall, Mo Udall, and now TOM UDALL and his cousins as well. He, too, was an important part of the Great American Outdoors Act. He has worked hard on the Appropriations Interior Subcommittee, working with Senator MURKOWSKI not only to clean up the nuclear waste and defend our National Laboratories—we worked together on that—but he has worked on another area, too, and that is to make the Senate work and be more effective. He and I have had some different opinions about how to do that, but I have no doubt that during his time here, he has been one of the Senators whom one might call an institutionalist. He is someone who understands as Clarence Thomas once said about the Supreme Court when someone asked him: "How can you and Justice Ginsburg get along so well when you have such different opinions?" Justice Thomas said: "We try to remember that the institution is more important than any of our opinions." I would say that this has been the attitude of Senator TOM UDALL about the Senate.

So seven of us will be leaving this place that Senator Prescott Bush said is where everybody in politics ultimately wants to be. Given how hard it is to get here and how hard it is to stay here, you would think it would be a place that people would want to be. My view of the Senate is just that—that it is hard to get here and hard to stay here, but while you are here, you might as well try to accomplish something good for the country. All of these colleagues of mine have done that, and I wanted to come to the floor today to salute each one of them.

I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD my remarks about each one of the Senators, as much as practical, following their remarks in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. ALEXANDER. I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Arkansas.

HONORING OFFICER TRAVIS WALLACE

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam President, I rise today with my friend and colleague from Arkansas to honor Helena-West Helena Police Officer Travis Wallace, who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty on Thursday, November 12.

Officer Wallace was trying to apprehend a suspect wanted in connection with a violent crime the previous week. Using his patrol car to block the exit of the parking lot where he spotted the suspect in the vehicle, he was fired on. Officer Wallace returned fire but was struck during the gunfight.

Officer Wallace was targeted because he was a law enforcement officer in pursuit of justice. This is a somber reminder of the dangers police officers and other members of the law enforcement community face every day. They do so willingly, not knowing the challenges they will experience when they leave the comforts of their homes and their loved ones.

Officer Wallace served with professionalism and dedication during his 10 years in law enforcement. For half his career, he worked for the Helena-West Helena Police Department, where he demonstrated his passion and commitment for helping those in need.

The Helena-West Helena police chief described Officer Wallace as an ambitious leader who was eager to help the community. Another fellow officer applauded his influence on his career and thanked him for the skills he taught his brothers in blue that have helped better protect that community.

The outpouring of support from the Helena-West Helena residents, citizens across Arkansas, and the members of the law enforcement community has given the police department strength, as members mourn the loss of this brave officer.

I join with all Arkansans in expressing our gratitude for Officer Wallace's service and his sacrifice. We celebrate his life and example of courageous, selfless public service. May his family, including his son Travis Junior, find peace in knowing their loved one lived and died a true American hero.

I yield to my colleague, Senator COTTON.

Mr. COTTON. Madam President, one of the most solemn eulogies any man can deliver is for a fallen officer killed in the line of duty. Senator BOOZMAN and I have delivered too many of these eulogies already, and we regret that we must do so again, but we want to celebrate the life and service of Police Officer Travis Wallace of the Helena-West Helena Police Department, who died last month at age 41, while attempting to bring a murder suspect into custody.

Officer Wallace and his partner recognized the dangerous suspect in a vehicle in a motel parking lot. They conducted a traffic stop. The suspect got out of his vehicle and immediately opened fire. Officer Wallace bravely and skillfully returned fire, causing the suspect to flee, but it was too late. He had already suffered grave wounds. He passed away later at the hospital, despite the valiant effort of doctors to save his life.

Officer Wallace believed that policing was his life's calling. He had worked in law enforcement for almost a decade, including 5 years with the Helena-West Helena Police Department, before his life was so tragically cut short.

In that brief time, Officer Wallace established himself as a leader and not just in his department. He was also a loving father, son, and brother, known for his sense of humor and his ability to make people smile. And he was a

man of faith, serving as a deacon at St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church.

Officer Wallace served his community with honor. Tragically, he is the fourth law enforcement officer from Arkansas killed this year and the 279th officer nationwide.

Like every officer, he dedicated his life to protect and defend his community. That commitment takes courage. It requires officers to run toward danger—to approach dangerous men when every human instinct might scream to run away.

Officer Wallace did his job and did his duty with honor. Now his watch has ended, but we will always remember the great sacrifice he made to keep his community and our State safe.

May he rest in peace.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mrs. CAPITO. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. BLACKBURN). Without objection, it is so ordered.

TRIBUTE TO HENRY C. "HOPPY" SHORES

Mrs. CAPITO. Madam President, I rise today to honor a good friend of mine and to thank Commissioner Henry C. "Hoppy" Shores for his many years of service to Kanawha County, WV, and America.

Hoppy was born in Dunbar, WV, during the Great Depression. Hoppy lost his parents at a young age and moved in with his sister on the West Side of Charleston.

In high school he attended a school which was then called Stonewall Jackson High School. Hoppy was a standout athlete. He played as a running back on the 1947 State championship team.

In 1949, he won West Virginia's Kennedy Award, as the State's top high school football player of the year. It was also during his high school years that Hoppy got an interest in politics when he first ran for and won the senior class presidency.

But the most important thing that happened during those formative years was on the first day of high school, when Hoppy first met the love of his life, Bronson Garcelon. They have been married since 1953, and I can personally attest—living in the same town—that they have been inseparable ever since.

He repeated his high school success while he was in college at West Virginia University in the 1950s and again became the class president. He graduated from West Virginia University with a degree in business, and after college he enlisted in the U.S. Army, attaining the rank of major.

During the years after his service, Hoppy grew a very successful career in the insurance business.

In 1966, Hoppy was recruited to run for the Kanawha County Commission by a prominent local attorney. After he

initially refused, he eventually said, OK, he would run. He won and served an initial term, and then decided, well, maybe that is it. He stepped out for a term, but he was pulled back into the political arena and served another 6-year term. After serving that second term, he then served and ran and won two separate terms for the West Virginia House of Delegates, representing Kanawha County, his home.

In 1990, he decided to return to the Kanawha County Commission and was again elected to one of the three seats. Voters have sent him back, with my help, to the commission every year since, making him the longest serving commissioner ever in the entire State.

During his 42 years on the Kanawha County Commission, Hoppy accomplished a host of successful initiatives on behalf of our citizens. Of particular interest and importance during his tenure, by the time Hoppy has left, or is leaving, 97 percent—and we have to get that to 100—but 97 percent of the county now has potable water. And I know that sounds like a given, but extending water service to some of the areas through rural West Virginia is not an easy task, but it was one that Hoppy always tackled.

Hoppy always pushed for the health and well-being of others, and, as such, with his insistence, the commission instituted a program to provide free mammograms for county employees, leading to early detection of cancer and saving lives.

Hoppy has always been a tireless advocate for the Kanawha County airport, now called the Yeager Airport, which was named after another famous West Virginian, whom we just lost, our aviator and American hero the late Chuck Yeager.

I remember working closely with Hoppy in 2005, when the West Virginia National Guard's 130th Airlift unit was slated for closure in the Department of Defense 2008 BRAC. That is the Base Realignment and Closure report. Of course, Hoppy won that battle, too, and the 130th proudly remains at Yeager Airport.

Hoppy has accomplished so much during his time in office that I cannot possibly cover everything. However, I would be remiss if I did not mention his passion for parks; his passion for recreation; obviously, with his past, his passion for athletics; and, most importantly, the children in Kanawha County.

Hoppy has advocated for public recreation. He has pushed for baseball, football, soccer fields, golf courses, tennis courts, county fairs, hiking trails, and modern park facilities. In fact, Coonskin Park in Kanawha County, which is the largest public park in our county, is one of the nicest in the State because of Hoppy's work.

One of my favorite stories about Hoppy involves both Coonskin Park and Christmas. In the year 2006, when a small train that carried children and their families around Coonskin Park to

see the holiday lights was in bad disrepair, Hoppy jumped in to save the day. He worked to find the money and a suitable replacement, lovingly dubbing it "Hoppy's Little Express."

And can you guess who the train conductor was? That is right—Commissioner Hoppy Shores. At the time he said:

When I look into a child's eyes, and see a smile, it warms my heart to know I was able to help them with a new playground, park, baseball field or a train ride at Christmas on Hoppy's Little Express. It is all about the children.

Hoppy Shores knows what public service is all about. It is about the children and providing a better future for all those you care about. Hoppy never forgot that, and for that, he will never be forgotten.

I am sure that Hoppy has had difficult times in his life but, you know what, you would just never know it by looking at him or knowing him. He is always wearing his signature smile and always has a kind word to offer. I have never met someone who did not like Hoppy Shores, even if they disagreed with his politics.

So after 42 years of service to the Kanawha County Commission, it is my honor to congratulate Commissioner Shores on his retirement, which will take effect at the end of this month. While I will certainly miss him, as I am sure many of us will—and those, particularly, in the Kanawha County courthouse—I know Hoppy and Bronson are looking forward to spending more time with their four children—Scott, Lynn, Sherry, and Henry, who I think is called "Little Hop," and their four grandchildren and great-granddaughter.

I am also looking forward to my frequent run-ins that Charlie and I have with Bronson and Hop at The Grill, while we eat hotdogs on a Saturday afternoon on the West Side.

So on behalf of the State of West Virginia, it is my honor to extend my best wishes to my friend—all of our friend—a friend of Kanawha County and really a friend to West Virginia, Commissioner Henry C. "Hoppy" Shores, on his retirement.

Thank you, Hoppy, and congratulations.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Alaska.

Mr. SULLIVAN. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent to engage in a colloquy with my colleagues.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SAVE OUR SEAS 2.0 ACT

Mr. SULLIVAN. Madam President, I want to talk today with my colleagues Senator MENENDEZ and Senator WHITEHOUSE on a really important piece of legislation that is heading to the President's desk, and this is Save Our Seas 2.0.

It is the follow-on to the Save Our Seas Act that we passed in the Congress last Congress, and that was an

important one mostly about ocean cleanup, but we thought we could do more. We thought, working with different groups—so many groups—and the executive branch, the Trump administration, that we could do a lot more. So we got to work.

I want to thank my colleagues on the floor today—Senator WHITEHOUSE of Rhode Island and Senator MENENDEZ of New Jersey—for their work, their leadership, their cooperation.

Senator WHITEHOUSE in particular I really want to single out as probably the Member of the U.S. Senate who is focused on our oceans. He and I started collaborating on these issues about 6 years ago, right after I first came to the U.S. Senate, and I have learned a lot from Senator WHITEHOUSE on these issues.

We have kind of been an odd couple. We don't always agree on everything politically, but on these issues and a lot of other issues we not only agree but our teams work together, we work together, and, importantly, we are getting a lot—a lot—done.

There have been a lot of folks who have really helped us in this regard and, again, in a bipartisan way. This bill is an important bill. This bill had three committees of the U.S. Senate and eight committees in the House.

So Members—whether it was Chairman BARRASSO and Ranking Member CARPER of the EPW Committee, as I mentioned; on Foreign Relations, Chairman RISCH; and, of course, Senator MENENDEZ as the ranking member on the Commerce Committee; Chairman WICKER and Ranking Member CANTWELL; on the House side, I just got off the phone with the dean of the House, Congressman DON YOUNG, a great, great Congressman; Representative BONAMICI. She also has been a great advocate.

We all were aware of the challenge. This is a huge challenge: ocean debris, plastics. It is a gigantic challenge for my State.

Now, I brag about Alaska a lot. Here is a little bit more bragging: We have more coastline than the rest of the country combined, in terms of their coastline. So we see the garbage. We see the trash. We see it, unfortunately, washing up on the shores of Alaska, and that impacts negatively not just the environment but the economy, our fishing industry, our fishing communities, our coastal communities.

You may have heard about this World Economic Forum study that said if we don't do anything about the pollution challenge that relates to plastics, by 2050 there could be more weight in terms of plastics in the ocean than there are fish. Think about that. That is a challenge.

So we got to work, and here is the thing that I think is so exciting: This is a solvable issue. Estimates are that up to 80 percent of all plastics in the ocean around the globe come from 10 rivers in Asia and Africa. So, of course, it has a huge international component to it.